

SCORES ARE KILLED BY BOILER EXPLOSION

Frightful Accident Takes Place in Brockton, Mass.,
Shoe Factory.

Huge Building Collapses and Death by Fire and Suffocation is
Fate of Unsuspecting Employees, Pinned Down
by Debris and Unable to Escape.

Brockton, Mass., March 21, 2 a. m.—At this hour the remains of fifty-three persons have been recovered from the ruins of the Grover & Co. factory. Seven bodies have been identified but only three persons are known to be still missing, the names of 21 of whom have been obtained. Many of the reported missing, but it is considered possible that some of them are at their homes in nearby towns.

At this hour 253 survivors have been accounted for. The estimates of the dead range from sixty to eighty and of the injured from fifty to 100.

BROCKTON, Mass., March 20.—At least sixty persons were killed early today by the explosion of a boiler in a large shoe manufacturing establishment in the Campello district, conducted by the R. B. Grover company.

The explosion was immediately followed by a flash of flame, which consumed the factory, a long, four-story structure, as if it were a house of cards, and incinerated an unknown number of men and women who were unable to extricate themselves from a mass of tangled wreckage formed by the terrible upheaval in the boiler room. More than fifty of the employees in the building were maimed, burned or bruised by the time they reached safety. Some had jumped from the roof, some from windows and others had been injured in the mad rush to escape from the doomed building.

The fire extended from the factory to seven other buildings in the vicinity and destroyed them. One of these buildings was a three-story wooden block owned by Charles F. Dahlborg, the others being cottages of small value, and a blacksmith shop. The wooden dwellings near the engine room were practically demolished by the flying boiler, but none of the occupants was seriously injured. The total financial loss is estimated at \$250,000, \$200,000 of which falls on the R. B. Grover company.

Fifty Bodies Taken Out.
It may never be known just how many persons perished in the wreckage. No one knows exactly how many bodies were taken out, but the number has been estimated at 400, but Treasurer Charles O. Emerson said tonight that he was not sure whether there were so many at work. Twenty hundred and fifty survivors have been accounted for, and at midnight the remains of fifty bodies had been recovered from the ruins, the search being continued all night. Fragments of human frames which possibly might be bodies, have also been found. Few of the remains have been identified. The head in nearly every instance is missing, and except in rare instances, it was impossible even to distinguish the sex.

Chief of Police Boyden at a late hour tonight expressed the opinion that some of the employees had not reached the factory at the time of the explosion, and that under the circumstances, those living in nearby places were injured and had gone home without reporting their injuries. He thought that many of the bodies had been recovered from the ruins, were among these.

The disaster was attended by many harrowing scenes, and it is believed that there is no trace of the body of David W. Rockwell, engineer of the plant, who was not seen after the explosion. It is supposed that he perished at his post.

Cause of Explosion Not Known.
An inspection of the wrecked boiler by the state boiler inspector showed that there was a sufficient supply of water in it. The cause of the explosion is not known.

Spectators Faint.
Many persons rushed into the ruins and pulled out the injured at the imminent risk of their own lives.

Impressed operatives too far away to rescue, and who knew that their lives would last but a few moments spoke words of encouragement to those who seemed nearer escape. Some prayed aloud, others pleaded with rescuers to say "Good-bye" to relatives.

The spectacle unnerved many who were trying vainly to get to the victims and some turned away sick and fainting. Members of the fire department with ladders aided briefly in the work of rescue, but their time for work was short, for within a brief interval fire closed over the wreckage and the cries of the imprisoned were hushed.

Other Buildings Destroyed.
In the meantime the fire was spreading from the Grover factory. It leaped across Calmar street to a three-story brick block at the corner of Main street, owned by Charles F. Dahlborg and occupied as a hardware store, and then to a wooden lodging house, a dwelling house and small buildings, all of which were destroyed.

From the rear of the factory the flames stretched across Denton street to two dwelling houses.

By this time the entire fire department and all the police reserves were on the scene, but with the high wind blowing the flames could not be checked and soon reached two other buildings. All these buildings were practically ruined, but at this point the fire was stopped.

Wrecked by Falling Boiler.

The house to the north of the factory, through which the exploded boiler crashed, was owned and occupied by David W. Rockwell, the engineer in charge of the boiler, who was among the killed. He immediately fell from the roof being ripped off and two walls tumbled down. Mrs. Rockwell, who was sitting by the kitchen stove, had a miraculous escape, having been thrown from the boiler struck through the upper portion of her house. Mrs. Rockwell snatched up her two children, who were uninjured, and started for the home of the nearest neighbor, Mrs. Etta Howard. She found this cottage had been rent asunder by the boiler, the head of which was buried in the middle of the

RETREAT HAS NOW BECOME A RACE

Armies Hurrying North on Parallel Roads.

EFFORT TO HEAD RUSSIANS

BELIEVED LINEVITCH HAS DIVIDED HIS FORCE.

St. Petersburg, March 20, 4:55 p. m.—The Novoye Vremya editorially, for the first time, takes issue with the possibility of peace. It says: "After all, the war is like all others. It must end some time or other. Remembering how deeply we paid for the lack of foresight of our diplomacy during the negotiations preceding the war which was largely responsible for our military and naval unpreparedness, it would be well now for our diplomacy to look ahead for peace."

Washington, March 20.—The Japanese legation today received the following telegram from Tokyo:

At 4 a. m. on March 19 our detachment occupied Kaiyuan, twenty miles north of Tie pass. The enemy afterward attempted a counter attack, but were repulsed. The enemy burned bridges on the main road south of Kaiyuan and also destroyed part of the railway bridge. A number of Russian guns were found buried near Mukden."

Dead and Injured.

The list of identified dead follows:
J. Ray Cole.
Harry H. Hall.
Jerome Mayo, aged 50.
George May, internal injuries.
Emma B. Pray.
Florence A. Dunham, bookkeeper, aged 15.

The following were seriously injured, many of them it is believed fatally:

Nora Coughlin, 28, contusions of spine, critical.

Hermon Pierce, 40; burns, serious.

William Lightfoot, 48; East Bridgewater, burns, dangerous.

Charles Rollins, 34; East Bridgewater, serious.

Arthur Pierce, contusions, will recover.

John J. H. McCabe, internal injuries.

James Sheehan and Ralph Churchill, jumped from third story, will recover.

Mrs. Davis Rockwell, wife of engineer of the factory, contusions; will recover.

George Jones, internal injuries.

Mrs. Augustus Burgess, contusions; serious.

Charles Carlson, spine injured.

Mrs. John Howard, internally injured by leaping from third story.

Daniel McSherry, 30; contusions.

Mrs. Lena Baker, jumped from window, scalp cut open.

Mrs. Thomas Chisholm, burns and bruises.

Mamie Conroy, burns and bruises.

Elizabeth Mulvihill, burns and bruises.

John Noonan, blown through window, serious.

Daniel McSherry, bad cuts and bruises.

Frank Lewis, blown through window, badly injured.

Frank Pierce, 17; lacerated scalp.

Warren Pierce, 28; left shoulder badly lacerated.

John J. Garvey, 20; fractured ribs.

Nicholas Corlies, 30; contusions.

Thomas McSherry, 47; fractured ribs.

P. J. Hanley, 42; contusions.

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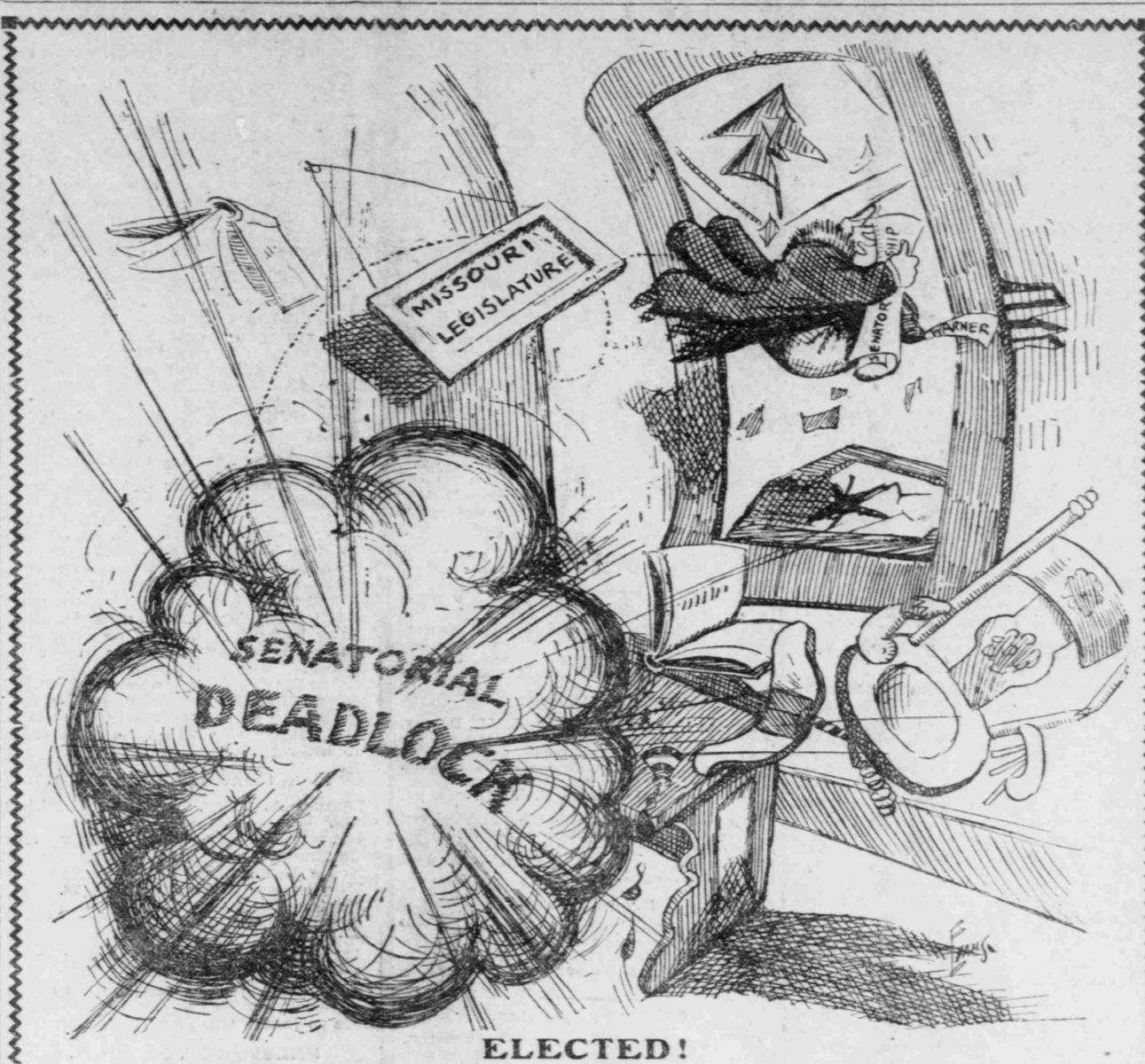
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Property Worth Half a Million Involved in Disappearance of Boston Man.

Boston, March 20.—James D. Cole, an attorney, has been appointed supreme court recorder and a conservator for the property of Charles H. Berry, clerk and accountant for the firm of Berry, Decker and Co., who, it is alleged, has disappeared, leaving his accounts in a tangled shape. Several large estates, valued at \$500,000, are said to be involved.

It is said that Berry went away in February and when he did not return today on a warrant issued by the police, the police were notified. Half a dozen Italians, one of whom was Malpede, attacked the policeman because Malpede ran into a saloon and snatched a policeman's club from being at the corner where they were waiting with the policeman. Wielding the club with all the power in his arms, Berry ran and struck the policeman on the head, knocking him down. Decker regained his feet and used his fists, but he was soon overpowered and rushed on him again from behind and dealt him a terrific blow that sent the policeman to his knees.

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Inhabitants of "Little Italy" Assault Chicago Policeman, Who

Fatally Wounds One of Them, After Being Clubbed Over the Head.

CHICAGO, March 20.—A wedding celebration at Clark and Polk streets has been terminated suddenly by Policeman Henry Decker, who shot one of the merry-makers, Vito Malpede, in the abdomen, inflicting a fatal wound. Half a dozen Italians, one of whom was Malpede, attacked the policeman because Malpede ran into a saloon and snatched a policeman's club from being at the corner where they were waiting with the policeman. Wielding the club with all the power in his arms, Berry ran and struck the policeman on the head, knocking him down. Decker regained his feet and used his fists, but he was soon overpowered and rushed on him again from behind and dealt him a terrific blow that sent the policeman to his knees.

Two men seized the club and prevented him from using it. Fearing for his life Decker drew his revolver and fired, hitting Malpede in the abdomen. The police were notified. The money was in two canvas sacks and the gold was mostly in \$20 pieces. The hold-up occurred in a lonely spot in the street. The police were notified.

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New York, March 20.—Ground has been broken for an addition to President Roosevelt's Sagamore Hill home, which will be 42,000 feet at the base and will have a great improvement in the appearance of the house.

ROBBERS SECURE CUTTER KNIVES \$50,000 IN CASH

Money For Standard Oil Co. Changes Hands.

BANK MESSENGER HELD UP
DAYLIGHT JOB BY TALL AND SHORT MAN.

EXECUTIVE CUTS \$52,575 FROM LEGISLATIVE MEASURE.

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COLLEGE BILLS APPROVED—OS TEOPATHS LOSE OUT.

BERKELEY, Cal., March 20.—J. E. Daly, an Oakland liverman, who was acting as a messenger for the Central Bank of Oakland, was held up and robbed of \$10,000, on his way to the Standard Oil office at Point Richmond, at 10:30 this morning. There were two highwaymen, one of whom was tall and the other short and stout. Both carried revolvers, but only the taller of the men wore a mask. The short hold-up took place at a point on the roadway between Stege and Point Richmond. The highwaymen jumped out of a clump of bushes at the side of the road and at once covered Daly and former Deputy Sheriff Al Roach, who was riding with him. At the point of revolvers Daly and Roach were compelled to jump from the buggy and give up the sack of money. Then the robbers tied them to a fence and placed gags in their mouths. Daly and Roach freed themselves after considerable difficulty, and then proceeded to Stege station on the Southern Pacific, about a half mile away. They rang up the Oakland and Berkeley police departments and Sheriff Veale of Contra Costa county, telling him the story over the telephone. Daly said that the highwaymen took their buggy, as well as a dispirited rig in which they drove away. One of the robbers, a traveler coming from San Pablo said that a man bearing the description of the taller of the men, had been seen driving a buggy in the direction of the short robber who took the old rig, took the road in the direction of Berkeley.

It had been the custom of the Central bank to send out \$10,000 to the Standard Oil plant for the pay of the employees once a month, and there is but little doubt that the robbers were acquainted with the fact. Sheriff Veale of Contra Costa county, who was notified, has led a party of men to the scene of the hold-up as soon as the news reached Oakland. Sheriff Veale of Contra Costa county, who was notified, has led a party of men to the scene of the hold-up as soon as the news reached Oakland. Sheriff Veale of Contra Costa county, who was notified, has led a party of men to the scene of the hold-up as soon as the news reached Oakland.

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AFTER both branches of the legislature have taken whacks at the appropriation bill No. 143, without visibly reducing its proportions, Governor Cutler got busy and as a result filed the measure with the secretary of state yesterday morning with just \$52,575 worth of appropriations cut out. The roads and bridges are the items that were all along expected to be the case. Besides using the money on highways, the executive also did away with nearly \$7,000 worth of appropriations at other directions.

Governor Cutler sets forth his reasons for the cuts that the estimated revenue of the state was far below the total sum appropriated in senate bill No. 143. Every one of the law-makers had this in mind when he did his share towards piling up the appropriation bill. Governor Cutler's letter to Secretary of State Tingey, relating to the appropriation bill, follows:

Hon. C. S. Tingey, Secretary of State—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th inst. and in reply to inform you that I have approved the appropriation bill No. 143, as amended, and have caused the same to be filed with the secretary of state.

The following amounts, for the purpose of improving highways and bridges in several counties, were appropriated in the appropriation bill of 1904:

Carbon county	2,000
Summit county	2,000
Summit county, for unexpended balance remaining on hand from the appropriation of 1908	1,075
Tooele county	2,000
Garfield county	2,000
Emery county	2,000
Rich county	2,000
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